

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 31 (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method selected from the group consisting of enhancing calcium absorption, improving bone health, improving strength, improving physical activity performance, and combinations thereof, the method comprising administering to a companion animal a companion animal composition comprising from about 0.01% to about 0.2% fructooligosaccharide, by weight of the composition wherein the fructooligosaccharide is a short chain oligofructose comprising from about 30% to about 40% 1-kestose, from about 50% to about 60% nystose, and from about 5% to about 15% 1F-beta-fructofuranosylnystose, by weight of the short chain oligofructose.

33. (Original) The method according to Claim 32 wherein the companion animal is selected from the group consisting of dogs, cats, and combinations thereof.

34. (Original) The method according to Claim 33 which is selected from the group consisting of enhancing calcium absorption, improving bone health, and combinations thereof.

Claims 35 – 39 (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 34 wherein the companion animal composition is a nutritionally balanced food.

41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 34 wherein the companion animal composition is administered at least once daily.

Claims 43 – 46 (Canceled)

47. (Original) The method according to Claim 33 which is a method selected from the group consisting of improving strength, improving physical performance, and combinations thereof.

Claims 48 – 52 (Canceled)

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 47 wherein the companion animal composition is a nutritionally balanced food.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 47 wherein the companion animal composition is administered at least once daily.

Claims 56 – 63 (Canceled)